West Davis Corridor EIS

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WHAT'S AN EIS?

- An Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is a document that discloses the potential impacts of a proposed project in a defined study area
- An EIS is prepared consistent with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), a clearly defined process
- The EIS looks in-depth at impacts to the natural and built environment.





Scoping



We gather initial data and input from all interested groups regarding issues that should be addressed in the study.

Purpose and Need

Your input together with current and projected traffic data help define the transportation needs in the study area.



Alternatives Development & Screening

We consider all transportation options and study in detail alternatives that effectively resolve the identified needs.



Impact Analysis

We examine potential human, community, cultural, economic and environmental concerns for each alternative.



Draft EIS



We draft a comprehensive report, called an Environmental Impact Statement, which documents the study, transportation alternatives, potential concerns of each alternative and input from the public.

Public Hearing



You have the opportunity to learn, review, discuss and provide feedback on the Draft EIS at open houses or any time during the comment period, which lasts for at least 45 days.

Final EIS

We respond to all comments received about the Draft EIS and publish a Final EIS.

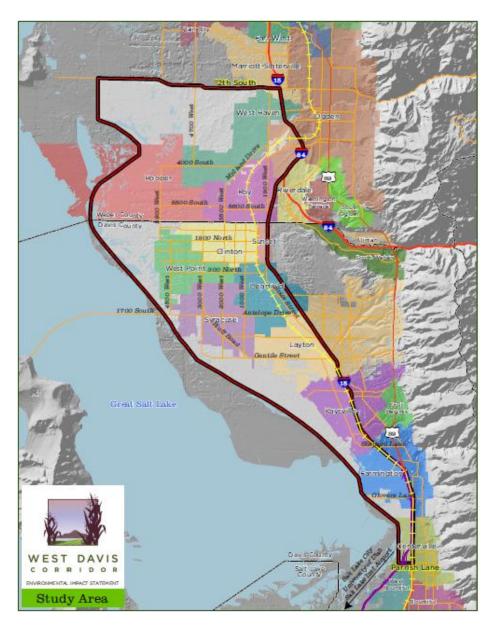


Record of Decision

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) reviews the Final EIS and issues a Record of Decision based on all data and comments presented in the Final EIS.



STUDY AREA



HISTORY

- 1962 West Davis Highway conceptualized
- 1995 Western Transportation Corridor (Major Investment Study)
- 2001 North Legacy Corridor Study
 - 2007 Connector Study
 - 2009 Supplemental Study
- 2010 West Davis Corridor EIS





TRANSPORTATION PLANS

- WFRC 2007 2030 RTP
 - South of 12th Street Four-lane arterial
 - North of 12th Street Two-lane arterial
- Wasatch Choices 2040
 - Expressway along 2001 Identified Corridor
- Local Municipalities
 - Farmington, Kaysville, Layton, Syracuse, and West Point show a corridor on their transportation plans.



STUDY APPROACH

- An Open Process
- Objectivity
- Consider all the options
- □ True partnership
- Consensus



"Trust the Process"

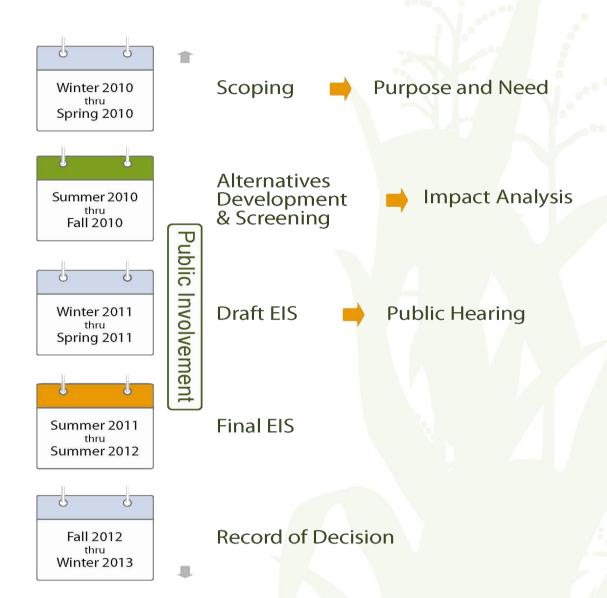


GOALS of the STUDY

- 1. Thorough, objective, and technically sound process that:
 - Meets the transportation need;
 - Benefits the community; and
 - Is compatible with the natural and built environment
- 2. Positive, proactive, and cooperative outreach
- 3. Accurately document the process



SCHEDULE





SCOPING OUTREACH

Land Use Analysis

- Visits with cities to verify projections of future growth
- Gathering socioeconomic data from the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget

Traffic Analysis

- Traffic counts
- Projected growth
- Roadway data collection
- Computer modeling

Local Government Coordination

- 26 interviews with mayors of participating cities
- 7 City Council presentations
- Davis and Weber County Commission meetings
- Meetings with Davis and Weber Council of Governments (COG).

Media

- News articles
- Advertising in papers, web site banner ads, city newsletters

SCOPING PERIOD SUMMARY & ACTIVITIES

SAFETEA-LU 6002

- Coordination with federal and state resource agencies, tribes, and municipalities
- Required by NEPA

Scoping Period

- Stakeholder Working Group Meeting Feb. 17th
- EIS Scoping Period February 4 March 22, 2010 174 Official Comments Submitted
- Three Public Scoping Meetings: Feb. 23, 24 and 25 - 298 attended

Public Outreach

- West Farmington Door-to-door visits
- Posters, fliers in city offices, libraries, major employers
- Web site
- E-mail blast to hundreds of subscribers
- Dedicated phone line



WHAT IS PURPOSE & NEED?

- Need Why the project is necessary
- Purpose What we are trying to achieve
- □ The study's purpose and need is a key factor in determining the range of alternatives considered for the project.





BE INVOLVED

- □ Visit website <u>www.udot.utah.gov/westdavis</u>
 - Learn about the process
 - Find out what's happening
 - Sign up for e-mail updates
 - Make a comment
- Purpose and Need Released in May
 - Public Release of the Purpose & Need
 - 30 day comment period
- Upcoming Open Houses in June
 - Share ideas on alternatives
 - Spread the word





QUESTIONS?

